



**MINUTES of the board meeting by telephone conference
27th of February 2013 – 8 pm**

Participant board members:

Nils Ivar Dolvik, president – Berit Bergset – Michelle Delaurier – Jochen Nösinger

As Maureen van Bon did not attend the meeting, an email is sent to her trying to find out if she has a problem. Unfortunately, we could not reach her.

1. Nils is welcoming us to this meeting and is thanking Jochen who kindly organized this conference. Michelle is asked to take notes for the minutes.
2. Approval of the notice for meeting: the notice is approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes from last meeting: we received a complementary note from Maureen. The Minutes published on the homepage are approved.
4. Overview economy FHI with Berit Bergset: we thank Berit for the job. The accounts are also converted in euros.
 - In 2011, an amount of 4.149 NOK (556,91€) was erroneously noted in “short-debt”. This amount is transferred to “equities”.
 - The only costs paid in 2012 are relative to the web domain. The receipt of the payment is missing but the extract of the bank account of 28th March 2012 refers clearly this payment concerns the web costs paid in Denmark.
 - We did not pay for the GA 2012 (drinks and food). We’ll ask for it this year.
 - The membership of France for 2012 was paid beginning 2013 by bank transfer.
 - Berit will prepare a budget before May.
5. Program for the Conference for international judges, approval of content time and place

Maureen and Jochen had exchanges regarding topics.

The conference will take place on Wednesday 1st of May in Nordfjordeid.

Starting at 11 am and must be finished at 5 pm. The FHI annual meeting must go on Wednesday evening.

The judge conference will content following items:

- Fertility research
- Preg: characteristics ; how the horse express itself
- Promotion: Norway has a promotion plan and wants to develop new competition such as obstacle exercises demonstrated in Germany (during the European Championships 2012) and TREC competition practiced in France, Belgium.

- Practical judging (with presentation of some horses with good preg and some with less) with personal notes, someone from Norway gives comments: "How is Norway looking to the horse?"
- Discussion
- Presentation from each country. How do we work in our organisation? How many horses, stallions, breeding mares, foals do we have in our registry?

Next week, Nils will send a note regarding "Fertility", to be discussed with Jochen and Maureen.

A time table has to be edit. Structure of the Eid week, program for the judge conference: will be finalized in Germany 16th-17th March.

The invitation and program information has to be sent to the judges as soon as possible. All the judges of FHI member countries are welcome. We have to think over and come back on the proposal to welcome also the judges of the not member countries on condition they pay a support membership of 300 NOK. Individual supporters do not have vote rights in the annual meeting.

6. International registries for Fjord horses

a) Approval from the Board to start this work

Nils explains the interest he is according to this project: it creates a link between countries, gives possibilities to compare, to calculate relationship between populations and inbreeding. It will need the DNA testing on the horses.

First there must be an agreement between the member countries to start the work.

Second step is a trial with the database of the Netherlands. This trial will give information regarding how voluminous the work will be and how much money will be needed.

Earlier, Norway sent out an inquiry to all the countries and there was an investigation done last year resulting that it is possible to bring all the registries together in one database.

The Norwegian Stud-Book has to be contacted by Nils.

The Belgian Stud-Book can give approval to the project.

For Germany this is complex because they have 12 different registries. However there is interest (FN) to assemble the Fjord horses in one central database. We also read the notice of Eike Schön Petersen and we are well aware that promotion is very important these days.

The final approval will be given in Germany, 16th of March.

The FjHI organisation should manage and own this international registry.

b) Decision from the Board to contact all member countries.

c) Discussion if we also should send a letter to Denmark.

It is too early to discuss these both points (b and c).

7. Others: Questions from Maureen

Who covers expenses such as board meetings

Review of last year

Website

DNA testing

Because of the non-attendance of Maureen, we decide to postpone these points.

Review of last year: an annual report has to be written in view of the G.A.

8. Further topics that FHI could work with

Because of the long agenda and after one and a half hour meeting, we decide to postpone also this point.

9. Others

- If needed, a next telephone conference could be organized on Wednesday, 3rd of April.
- In view of the General Assembly in May, Nils will consult the statutes to point out the different procedures that has to be followed up in due time.
- If there are costs regarding the organisation of this telephone conference, Jochen can send the note to Nils.

10. Closing of the meeting

Wishing good evening and thanks to all for this conference.

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